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Requests for Waiver and appeal of	)	
Decisions of the	)	
Universal Service Administrator by	)	
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Espanola Public Library	)	
	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	
Support Mechanism	)	

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
 Washington, DC 20554

April 29, 2019

Request for Waiver of the FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019  
 RE: FCC Form 471 Number:191032887, 191032886; Billed Entity Number: 143277

Espanola Public Library respectfully requests a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 Form 471 deadline for applications 191032886 and 191032887. The application was certified late due to family illness.

Espanola filed a Form 470 for Internet Access and Category 2 services in a timely manner. The librarian reviewed responses and created legally binding agreements with vendors who provided the most cost-effective responses. The day of the window close, the librarian was called away from the library due to an illness in the family and was unable to certify her application. The following day the librarian was able to access the Internet and to certify the Form 471.

In the Academy for Excellence Order released March 9, 2007 the FCC granted Requests for Waiver of the Form 471 filing deadline for applicants who missed the filing deadline due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control such as personal circumstances, illness of staff or illness of family members of staff. Other circumstances validated by the FCC in this order include unclear and vague instructions for filing the Form 471, and technical problems.

In the Bishop Perry Order, the Commission found that a slight delay in USAC's receipt of the applications did not warrant complete rejection of the application.

The above-mentioned application was submitted and certified within a day of the filing deadline for applicants. In previous years, applications submitted and certified within two weeks of the filing window were viewed by the FCC as meeting the definition of "slight delay" as referenced in the Bishop Perry Order above.

We acknowledge the Commission's concern and emphasis on retaining discretion to evaluate each situation on a case-by-case basis and respectfully request your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sherry Aragon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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